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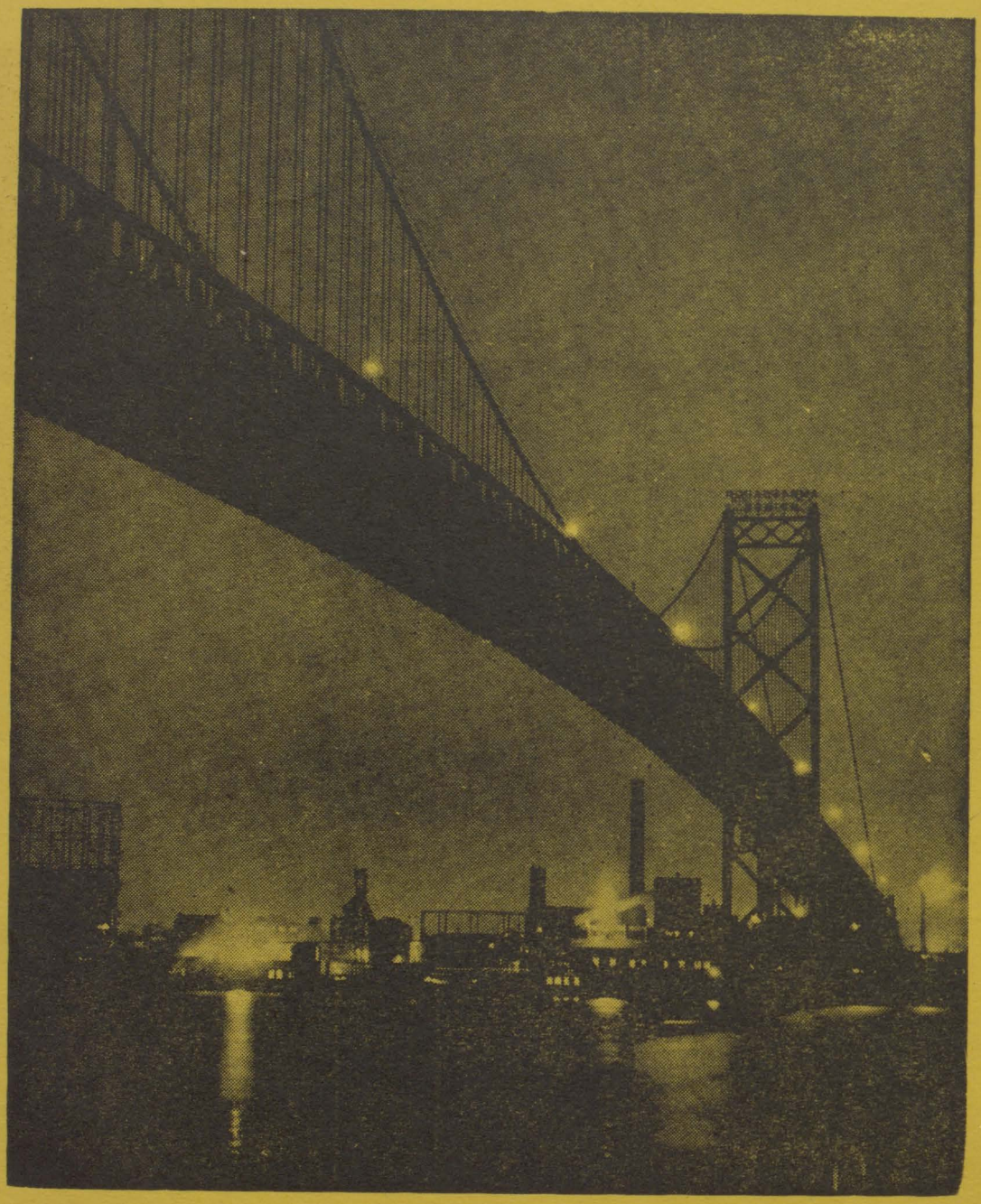

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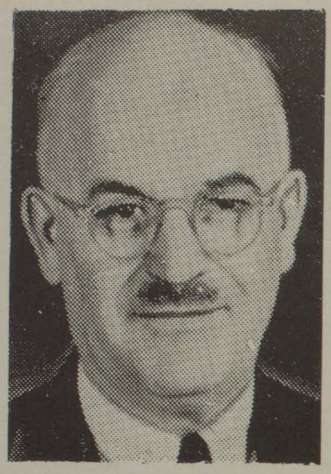

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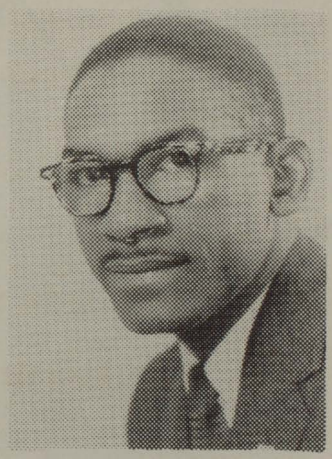
Col. Griesinger, twice a member of the Ontario cabinet and twice a military leader during two world wars, is a native son of Windsor. He has been a long-time friend of the Emancipation Day program and a staunch defender of equal rights for all peoples.

He is president and general manager of the Windsor Lumber Company, an organization which he helped build and which is one of the most progressive in the community.

Col. Griesinger has been an active soldier since 1911 when he first joined the volunteer militia. He won the Military Cross for gallantry in World War I, at the Battle of Ypres, a name historic in the annals of Canada. In World War II he commanded a regiment from Sudbury, Ont.

Following service with the army, he was elected to the Ontario Legislature from the riding of Windsor-Sandwich. He was successively minister without portfolio, chairman of the Ontario Liquor Commission, minister of planning and development and minister of public works. Although no longer a cabinet member, he still holds his seat in the house.

He is married and the father of two children. He is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Anglican Church.



ARTHUR L. JOHNSON

Thirty-two-year-old Arthur L. Johnson, executive secretary of the Detroit Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is the youngest man ever to receive one of the annual Freedom Awards.

A native of Americus, Ga., he was educated at Morehouse College, Atlanta University and is a Research Fellow at Fisk University. He organiezd the Morehouse College Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P., and the first intercollegiate chapter of the same organization among the seven negro colleges in Atlanta.

In 1949 he was a special investigator and research worker for the United States Health Department. He has been in his present post since July 1, 1950.

He has won four national awards for outstanding membership and program activity. These are: Freedoms Foundation Award 1953; N.A.A.C.P. Thalheimer Awards, Second Place 1954; First Place 1955 and 1956. He won the Michigan Chronicle Outstanding Citizens Award in 1951 and 1957.

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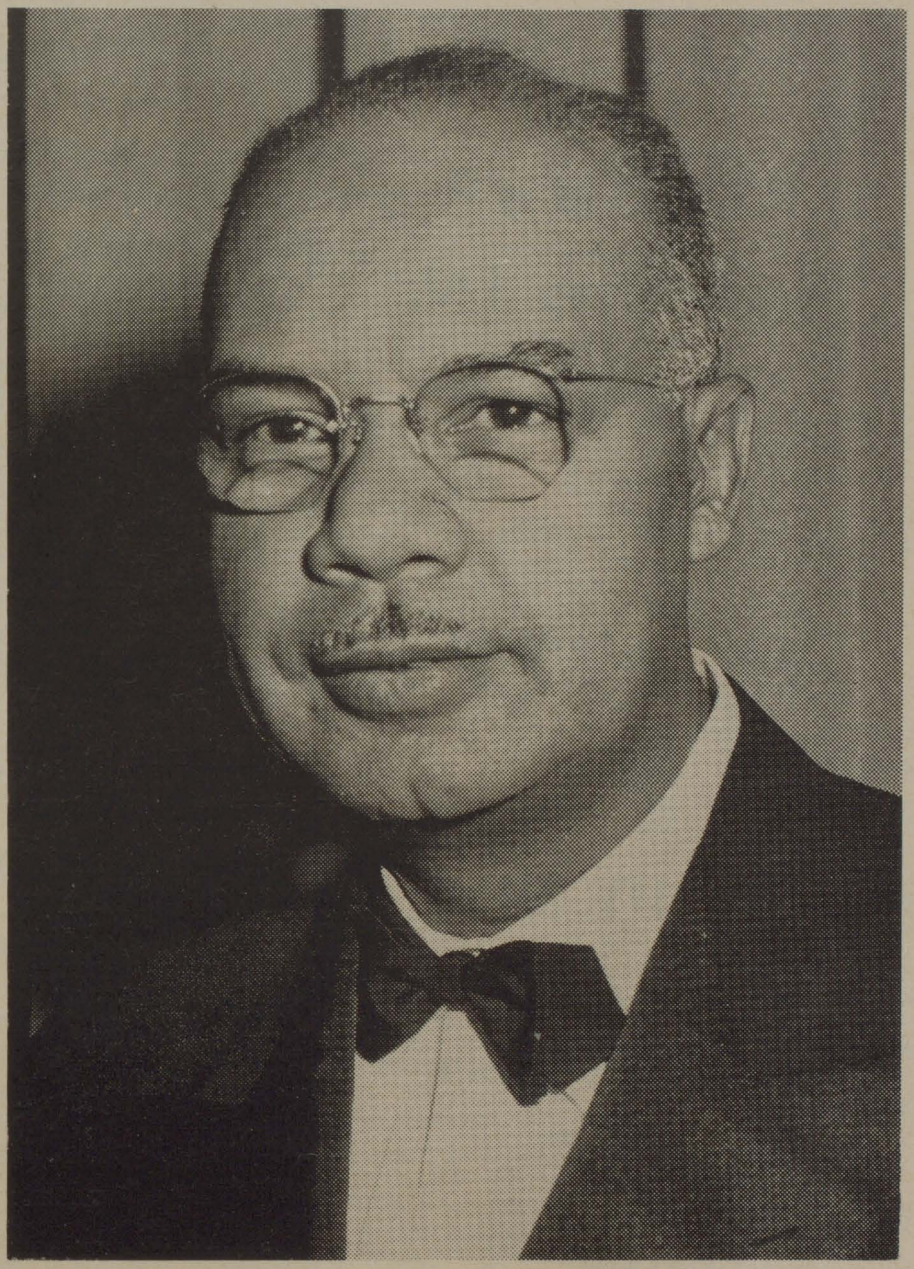

Lester B. Granger of New York is described as being the man more responsible than any other for the effective utilization of negro personnel in the armed services of the United States during the World War II.

The description is taken from the official records of the Navy Department. During the war Mr. Granger served as confidential assistant to the late Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal and later was attached to the Department of National Defence.

The citation accompanying his award of the President's Medal for Merit, highest award ever given to a civilian by the Navy, reads:

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United States. By his keen observations, his fairness of judgment and his straight forward recommendations, he contributed more than any other one person to the effective utilization of negro personnel in the service."

The 1958 Emancipation Day Celebration is proud to welcome Mr. Granger to Windsor and to commend him for his past services and wish him continued success in his chosen endeavors.

Lester B. Granger, executive director of the National Urban League since 1941 received his A. B. degree from Dartmouth College in 1918, took graduate studies at New York University and professional studies at the New York School of Social Work. He is one of the nation's leading social workers.

For more than thirty years he has been associated with the field of social work and race relations. Included among the recognitions that have come to him are: Prtsident of the National Conference of Social Work for the year 1952; Chairman, United States delegation to the 1952 International Conference of Social Work held in India; current Chairman of the U.S. Committee of the International Conference.

Mr. Granger is a trustee of Hampton Institute and a member of the board of the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools. Author and writer, he is also widely known as a lecturer.

In 1945, he was appointed special adviser to the Navy Department. In this capacity, his study and recommendations resulted in the directive which wiped out the Navy's basic policy of segregation and discrimination. In recognition of his outstanding service, he was awarded the Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the Navy's highest civilian honor. Subsequently he was made adviser to the Office of Defense and until March 1954 served as adviser to the Navy Department.

He has received many awerds and honors, among them the C.I.O. 1944 Award for Outstanding Work in Race Relations, and honorary degrees from his alma mater, Dartmouth College and Columbia University. He has also received honorary degrees from Oberlin, Morris Brown, Wilberforce and Virginia Union.

HONOR

From the citation which accompanied the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters conferred upon Lester B. Granger by his Alma Mater, Dartmouth College.

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Father of the Blues

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By ANGUS MUNRO

William Christopher "Bill" Handy, correctly named "Father of the Blues," is given the cover page of the 1958 issue of "Progress" the program magazine for the Windsor Emancipation Day's 27th annual observance.

In thus honoring the late Mr. Handy, whose death last Marth 28, saddened music-lovers in all parts of the modern world, the Emancipation Day committee pays itself great tribute. It was in 1951 that W.C. Handy graced the celebration with his presence, thereby making it one of the most memorable of the last quarter century.

Mr. Handy was more than a respected and celebrated musician. He was a personality beloved and venerated. His gentleness of manner, his great personal charm and his cheerfulness in the face of much distress and heavy odds, lightened the path of all those he chanced to meet. He wrote his plaintive "blues" melodies because, he said, "they were pinin' to be written." And that's about how it was. Deep in his own melodic soul, the words and music actually awaited only the touch of his genius to make them live. And live, they are certainly destined to do, no doubt forever and ever. Certainly, they will never die during the lives of his contemporaries.

He was born in Florence, Ala., Nov. 16, 1873, the son and grandson of Methodist preachers who looked with skepticism on Handy's decision for a career in music. To them it was just a mite undignified, if not downright irreligious. How wrong they were. No artist or composer managed to get more soul-feeling into his songs than did Handy. The wistfulness and longing expressed in "The St. Louis Blues," have universal appeal.

After graduation from Teachers College at Huntsville, Handy tried teaching, but found it paid so little he could scarcely get by. He went to work as a laborer in an iron foundry. When the foundry was shut down in the economic depression of 1893, Handy took a quartet he had formed into the maze of the Chicago World's Fair. For the next seven years he played with touring minstrel shows, working at hard labor when times got rough on the stage. In 1900 he returned to Huntsville as bandmaster and teacher of music in his alma mater. From 1903 to 1921 he conducted his own orchestra throughout the south, schooling them in the blues style of playing.

Handy has been honored by institutions and groups throughout the world. He conducted his own band twice in New York's Carnegie Hall. During one of the Liberty Bond drives in World War I, he sold more than $1,000,000 worth of bonds. In 1940 he appeared as guest conductor of the New York World's Fair orchestra at Hollywood, Calif. The "St. Louis Blues" was played fifteen times by as many bands in a musical jamobree in his honor. A series of dinners was held in New York in honor of his 65th birthday. A park in Memphis is named for him.

He produced and published more than 60 blues melodies, among them: Memphis Blues, Beal Street Blues, St. Louis Blues, Mississippi Blues and others — many others. At the age of 78 in 1952 and almost completely blind, he again visited Windsor and was interviewed as a guest of Mayor Arthur J. Reaume at City Hall. In recounting his life story, he did not forget his natural gift for charming his listeners and being always the gentleman. He said of Windsor and its people:

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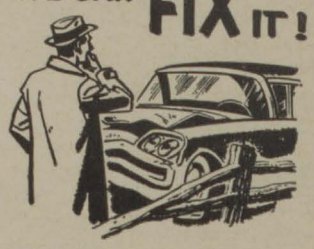

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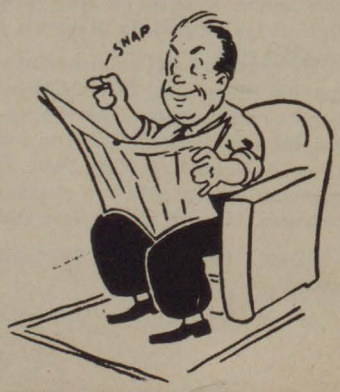

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On this the 27th annual observance of the Windsor Emancipation Day Celebration, I greet you in the name of more than 17,000,000 Canadians from coast to coast.

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In Memoriam

In the death of the late Richard M. "Dick" Harrison, widely acclaimed columnist of The Windsor Daily Star, the Emancipation Day Celebration lost a staunch friend.

Mr. Harrison, in his original and effective way, did much to stimulate and maintain interest in the annual event. He was an able champion of tolerance and understanding among peoples everywhere. He wrote with forthright and telling emphasis of the injustices and often stupidly ignorant acts of those who would divide peoples on racial or otherwise unimportant differences.

Dick Harrison will long be remembered by those associated with the staging of the Windsor Emancipation Day Program because he symbolized its message. He despised class distinctions of any sort. He was a foe of bigotry and prejudice. He was a true defender of equal rights for all.

Mr. Harrison was honored with one of the Freedom Awards and accepted the tribute humbly because he was essentially a modest and unassuming person. His loss to the newspaper world of Canada is a sad one. He is missed by many thousands of readers, most of whom never saw him, but learned to admire and respect, even though they did not always accept, his opinions.

This space in the 1958 program is gratefully set aside in tribute to the memory of a true friend and worker in the cause of closer understanding between all peoples.

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The steady growth of the Emancipation Day Celebration with consequently larger duties and problems of administration, has brought about a reorganization of its administrative machinery.

Early in 1958 additions were made to the former administration and some division of responsiblity was shared by special committees named from a new board of directors. In this way the experience of the past and the hopes for the future are being fully utilized.

We feel our friends and supporters should know of the new and expanding organization. Consequently, this note of explanation.

With all good wishes,

HENRY D. TAYLOR, M.D.,
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1958

International Talent Discovery Contest.

1:00 p.m.—Sports Events on Athletic Field.

4:00 p.m.—Youth Contest, (Ages 5 to 12) Voice, Instrumental, Ballet, Taps, Drill Teams and Baton Twirlers in all divisions; Classic, Popular and Open Divisions.

7:00 to 8 p.m.—Variety Program, Presented by Miss Bertha Reihe, A.M., Teacher of Piano and Organ. This will include outstanding vocalists as well as instrumentalists on piano. The program includes five winners from the musicians' contest sponsored by Miss Reihe.

8:00 p.m.—International Women's Day. Presiding, Mrs. Edith Robinson, Past President, Michigan State Association of Colored Women's Clubs; Member of the Board of Directors, National Association of Negro Women's Clubs. National Anthems: Sung by Hazel Solomon, ensemble and audience. Invocation Senior Senior Major Mrs. Cecil Strickland, Salvation Army "O Divine Redeemer" Michigan Women's Choral Ensemble, (Jerene G. Macklin, Director; Gwen Carey, accompanist). Introduction of Controler, Mrs. Cameron H. Montrose. Greetings from City of Windsor: Mrs. Montrose, Mrs. I. B. Ezra, Regional Chairman, Southwestern Ontario, Canadian Hadassah Organization of Canada, and from national, local and church groups.

Response.....United States Women's Groups

"The Golden Key".....Carrie Jacobs Bond
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Introduction of Platform Guest

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Introduction of Guest Speaker:
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"The Summer".....Hazel Solomon, soprano
Mrs. Violet Webb Leach, accompanist

"Clair de Lune"....Mich. Women's Choral Ensemble

Juniors on Parade .....Geraldine Adams, ballerina;
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 3, 1958 — 3:30 P.M.

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Introduction of Mayor of Windsor
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Response.....by Eugene I. Van Antwerp,
President pro tem, Detroit Common Council

Introduction of Platform Guests

Soprano Soloist .....Miss Barbara Carrel;
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Selections by.....The Ambassadors

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MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1958

Afternoon and Evening

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To the Windsor police force, too, must go the wholehearted appreciation of both the folks who plan the Emancipation program and the thousands who come each year to enjoy it.

Windsor itself is a prime example of tolerance and good relations between races. Her police force exemplifies this. Here you will see colored and white officers serving together, controlling traffic and carrying out the myriad police tasks of the Emancipation celebrations.

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San Francisco Beat

A cruel and sudden crisis, charged with feeling, confronted Cecil Poole, Assistant District Attorney, one morning last week; at its peak, Poole fashioned a few short words into a simple declarative sentence that for aptness and eloquence no novelist, no professional builder of phrases, could far excel after long thought and much revision.

Poole is a Negro. He lives in Ingleside Terrace, a "white" neighborhood. Thus shock and resentment and bewilderment and regret and mixtures of a dozen other emotions must have surged through him when his 6-year-old daughter came running into the house to report: "There's a cross on our lawn, all burned." With the news, she brought a troubled question: "Why is it there?"

Such a question under such conditions needed a meticulous answer. Poole found it "Some Christian," he said, "has lost his way."

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We do not know where Poole found this answer. We think it is the perfect one. It invites thought and bears frequent repetition: "'Some Christian has lost his way."

—From the San Francisco Chronicle.

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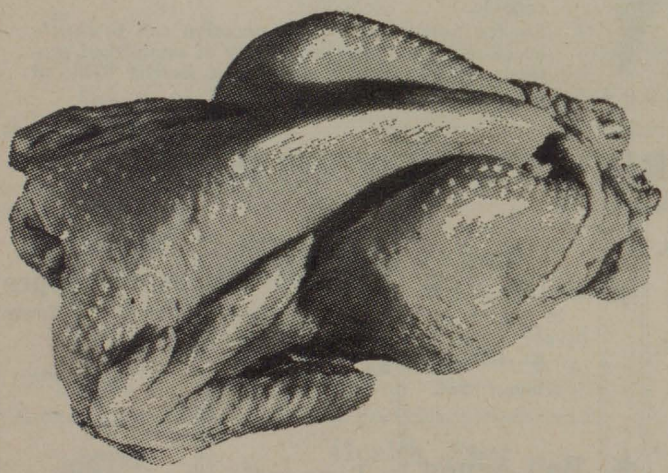

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Mr. Patrick, Jr. attended Detroit public schools, graduating in 1937 from Northwestern High School. During this same year he won the mid-western championship in the Elks' oratorical contest and a $1000.00 college scholarship. As a finalist he went on to take national honors in the national public speaking competition.

The scholarship enabled the determined Patrick to attend Howard University where he graduated in 1942 with a brilliant record. During summers he served as a counselor at the Urban League's Green Pastures camp for youngsters.

Patrick's fine scholastic record continued while he attended the University of Michigan Law School. He received his law degree in 1946 and was admitted as an attorney to the Michigan Bar the same year.

During World War II, Patrick served for one and a half years in the United States Air Force.

From 1950 through 1953 the talented Common Council candidate served as an assistant Wayne County prosecuting attorney under Prosecutor Gerald K. O'Brien. Because of his thorough knowledge of law and his impressive presentation of cases, Patrick became one of the prosecutor's chief trial attorneys. His record with jury trials earned him the highest respect of the legal profession.

Attorney Patrick, Jr. currently resides at 214 East Hancock and is a member of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church. He also is a member and past president of the Cotillion Club, a board member of the NAACP, state legal advisor and past assistant national legal advisor of the Elks, a member of the Wayne County Civic League, a member and past national officer of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and a board member of the Metropolitan Detroit U.S.O.

Patrick's other affiliations include the Aero Club of Michigan, the Air Force Association, Tom Phillips American Legion Post, YMCA, the Duffers Club, the Booker T. Washington Trade Association, the Wolverine Bar Association, the Michigan State Bar Association and the National Bar Association.

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In 1949, a group of young men with boundless energy, civic dedication and community awareness banded together to give tangible voice to the aims, aspirations and ambitions of the young professional and the young businessman.

Today, the majority of these same men, almost ten years older, still carry high and proudly the banner of the Cotillion Club, now nationally recognized as an organization with civic achievement as its motto and community betterment its motivating goal.

The nine years that have elapsed since the formation of the organization in the home of Dr. Robert Greenidge have been dotted with significantly outstanding projects and an amazing record of successes.

During its first year of existence, the Cotillion men set for themselves the worthwhile goal of introducing eligible and deserving young ladies to the society in which they were soon to take their places. Thus was born the Debutante Ball — a civic-social event eagerly anticipated each year by the Detroit community and grateful parents everywhere.

These fortunate girls, selected each year from a large list of candidates, are carefully schooled in the social graces, taught good grooming by a panel of experts and generally "educated" for the niceties of womanhood.

Another project of city-wide impact is the annual Cotillion Registered Voters' Drive. This imposing effort each year has set a pattern and tempo for other organizations in the city. In July of this year, the registration effort hit its peak and saw several non-partisan organizations, including the Detroit Branch NAACP, join forces with the Cotillions to achieve the most significant drive in recent history.

Although, as mentioned above, the Cotillion Club is non-partisan in structure, it has injected its leadership, finances and manpower into the successful election bids of Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr.; Councilman William T. Patrick, Jr. (both former Cotillion Club presi-

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dents); Board of Education president Dr. Remus G. Robinson; State Senator Basil Brown (also a Cotillion member); Circuit Judge Wade H. McCree, and Recorder's Judge Elvin L. Davenport.

It was the Cotillion group that initiated the drive to secure insurance coverage for Michigan Negro motorists in the Automobile Club of Michigan (AAA). A special committee headed by then State Senator Diggs, Jr., brought this effort to a successful and logical conclusion.

The organization has won several awards from the Boy Scouts of America for its efforts in promoting scouting and decreasing the spread of juvenile delinquency.

In 1954, the Cotillion Club established close lines of communication with the Detroit Police Department and has worked consistently and diligently in an advisory capacity to bring about increased opportunities and expanded job classifications within the department.

It was during this same year that the Cotillion Police Award was made an official part of the Police Merit Recognition program. Significantly, it's one of only four major awards bestowed upon top police officers each year in special ceremony.

Through its Lecture Bureau and Speakers Unit, the Cotillion Club has campaigned vigorously for the elimination of second class citizenship for American Negroes.

For the past four years, the Cotillion Club has topped all organizations in the sale of memberships for the Detroit Branch NAACP. It is estimated that the Cotillion Vlub has contributed more than $30,000 in memberships during the four-year period.

As it approached the threshhold of 1959 and the challenges that a new year will impose, the Cotillion Club has redicated itself towards even more vigorous community effort.

The club has, indeed, been fortunate to have been led by such presidents as Att'y. John W. Roxborough II; Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr; Councilman William T. Patrick, Jr.; Civil Engineer Edward Sylvester, now achieving business distinction in Liberia; Att'y. Damon J. Keith, a dynamic young leader recently named to the Detroit Housing Commission.

The Club looks forward to equally dynamic leadership from its new president, William C. Matney, Jr., managing editor of the Michigan Chronicle and a longtime member of the club leadership team.

The dynamic Cotillion Club truly has its sights fixed on continuing its leadership role in a city that is destined to become an even greater American metropolis.

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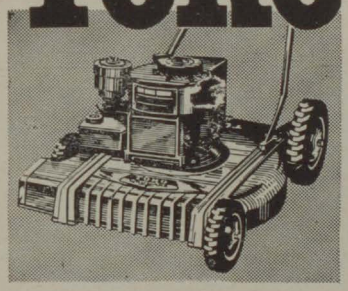

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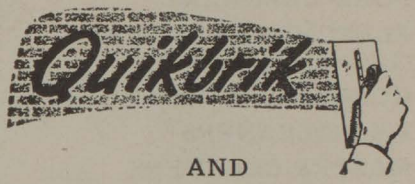

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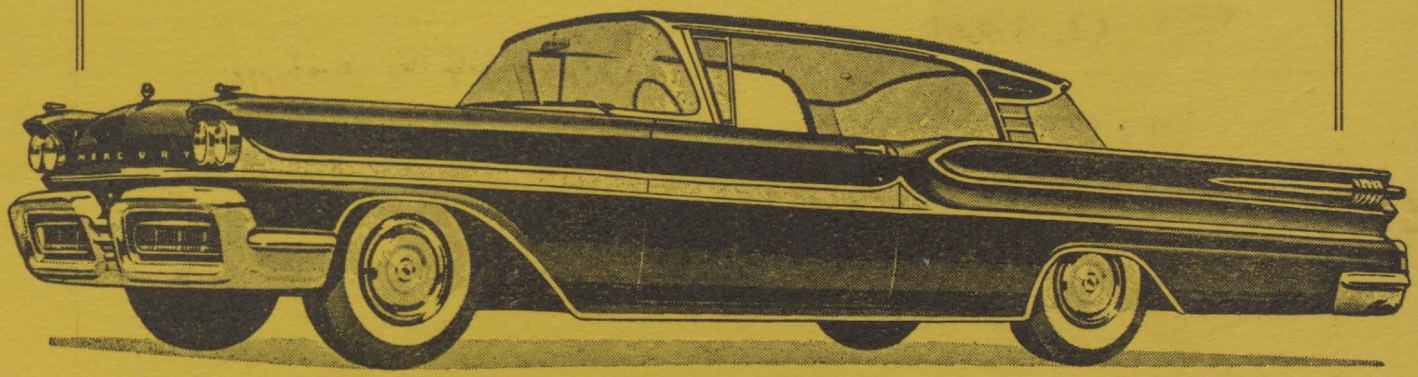

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